

TO: The Faculty Senate

FROM: Patricia Harrington
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SUBJECT: May 2014

1. Board Resolutions:

I will be presenting the following new programs to the Board of Trustees at their May meeting as well as asking them to approve the deletion of the MS in Occupational Therapy for Practitioners.

B.S. in Applied Mathematics
Journalism & Electronic Media Major
Strategic Communication Major
BS/MBA in Finance
MS in Health Informatics
Masters in Accountancy Programs
The On-Line Master of Accountancy
The Joint BS/MAcc
Doctor of Nursing Practice

2. Faculty Searches:

We have currently filled eleven positions, two offers are out, and interviews continue.

Danielle Arigo	Assistant Professor	Psychology
Qian Wang	Assistant Professor	Exercise Science & Sport
Ozgur Isil	Assistant Professor	Operations & Information Management
Michael Costello	Faculty Specialist	Health Admin and Human Resources
Bernard Gilligan	Faculty Specialist	Nursing
Ann Culp	Faculty Specialist	Nursing
Susan Elczyna	Faculty Specialist	Nursing

3. Academic Honors:

Fulbright Scholars:

This academic year, eight current students and one alumnus applied through the University for Fulbright Scholarships for 2014-15. Five of the nine were named National Finalists in January. We have just learned that four of the five were selected for Fulbright Scholarships for the next academic year.

Emmanuel Akpan Jr. majoring in Neuroscience and a member of the Honors program has been selected to receive a Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship to Cyprus.

Olivia Salama, double majoring in Political Science and Philosophy, and a member of the SJLA Program, has been selected to receive a Fulbright Scholarship in Law to the University of Turku, Finland. She will conduct research on the policing of white collar crime.

Matthew B. Tibbitts, a graduating senior in Health Administration and Presidential Scholar, has been selected for a Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship to Malaysia.

Marc Andris Vallone, who received a B.S. in Marketing from the University in 2010, volunteered for a year at the Working Boys Center in Quito, Ecuador before returning to work at his alma mater Camden Catholic High School. Marc has been awarded a Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship to Brazil.

recommenders, for a great job in supporting all our candidates.

Two undergraduates are co-authors of pending patents. Sophomore Nathan Williams is co-author, with Professor Nick Truncale and laboratory manager Jim Loven of the Physics and Electrical Engineering Department, of a patent on the reflective solar tracker. Junior Michelle Graham is co-author, with Professor Truncale, of a patent on an electro-optic eardrum. Michelle is also co-author of two published articles on her project.

The University's radio station, WUSR, received a grant from the Pennsylvania Association of Broadcasters to improve the station's editing facilities.

Panuska College of Professional Studies:

Center for Rehabilitation Education Equipment received a grant for \$225,000 to help the University of Scranton buy and install specialized medical and health-related equipment for the new rehab center.

Our first universal affiliation agreement will be effective June 1, 2014 for all Geisinger entities. We will no longer need to have separate agreements. Implementation letters will need to be submitted for every student so that we can track details-where, when, and who is supervising the student. We will continue to pursue other universal affiliation agreements instead of individual sites within a system.

PCPS Assessment Retreat for Faculty and Staff, August 8, 2014, Chapman Lake Retreat House-key formative assessment, best practices in assessment and continuous quality assessment improvement-closing the loop.

9. International Programs and Services (ISP)

